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Re: Ash Grove Cement Company Dolphin Replacement

Dear Ms. Skadowski:

Ash Grove Cement Company (Ash Grove) plans to replace a dilapidated dolphin at its barge loading facility located on the Duwamish River in King County (Sec. 18, Twn. 24N, Range 4E). The 35-timber-pile dolphin will be replaced with a 3-pile steel dolphin. This replacement is needed to preserve safe landing conditions at the slip.

We request that the *Programmatic Biological Evaluation, Replacement of up to Eighteen Existing Piling* be used as the reference Biological Evaluation for this project. I have enclosed three copies of the Specific Project Information Form (SPIF) for your use.

We also request a Nationwide 3 Permit for repair and maintenance activities. Three copies of the JARPA with drawings are enclosed for your review.

Please contact Sasha Visconty at 206-903-3310 or by e-mail at svisconty@anchorenv.com if you need further information to process the application. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

Kristin P. Noreen

Enclosures:
JARPA and figures
SPIF and figures

cc: Craig Puljan, Ash Grove Cement Co.
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